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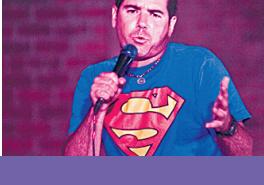
Students find places to ride, jump, grind and flip, on and off campus. Read about it on Page 8.

OPINION

Scott Clark of the Manhattan Fire Department shares his feelings on the events of Sept. 11 in our weekly guest column on Page 4.

INSIDE

Comedians Doug Benson, Graham Elwood and Paul Nyakatura leave the Wareham in stitches. See page 10.



Man killed in tractor accident

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A local man was killed Wednesday when his tractor tipped over on top of him while he was trying to change a tire.

His death was ruled an accident, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Emergency personnel responded to the scene east of Chicago Street and Anderson Avenue in Keats, Kan., according to the RCPD. Upon arrival, the victim, Jared Schurle, 71, of 1227 Pierre St., was pronounced dead. Police said no further investigation is planned.

HOUSE BURGLARIZED

A Manhattan man reported a loss of \$950 after a burglary sometime yesterday at the victim's home, said Lt. Kurt Moldrup of the RCPD.

Justin Wilds, 24, of 830 Blumenthal, Apt. No. 1, reported the loss of a 27-inch flat screen television and mini-fridge, and \$50 in damages to a doorframe.

INDECENT LIBERTIES REPORTED

A report of indecent liberties with a child has been filed by the RCPD, Lt. Moldrup said. The incident occurred on Sept. 6. The victim is a 14-year-old female and the suspect is known to police and to the victim.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Committee proposes election changes

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Student Government Association held its second meeting of the fall semester Thursday night with over 50 members in attendance. At the forefront of the meeting was legislation sparked by Senate Operations Committee members.

The bill amends the SGA's governing bylaws. The Operations Committee proposed to eliminate the Elections Review Committee in the bill, which is composed of members of the legislative and judicial branches.

The Elections Review Committee exists to oversee appeals during SGA elections.

Adam Tank, attorney general, cited "difficulty finding candidates" as a reason to eliminate the committee from the bylaws, because the committee members cannot donate to or participate in any SGA candidates' campaign. Tank also argued that the removal of the committee would save time in the appeals process, reducing it from a week to three or four days.

While proponents of the bill claimed it would save time and reduce the stress of finding committee members, not everyone agreed.

"It doesn't solve either problem," said Doug Shane, senator. "It's extremely unfair to the student body."

Shane, along with other critics, said the proposed bill reduces the role of the judicial system.

Last semester the Elections Review Committee oversaw a hearing about major campaign violations during the student body presidential elections, and was involved in the appointment of a new elections commissioner after the original elections commissioner resigned, days before the general election.

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A pricey problem



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

A business transaction occurs Thursday afternoon at Varney's in the K-State Student Union. New legislation will require textbook publishers to provide more information to instructors about available books and sell books separate from other course materials, like CDs. The legislation also requires schools to provide information about the cost books and supplements required for a course.

New laws aim to make book buying easier

By Aubree Casper
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Stormy Kennedy purchased a copy of "Modern Biology" in 1959 for \$5.28. Kennedy, the owner of Clafin Books and Copies, held onto that book and uses it as a reality check, proving the value and lifelong investment a single book can be.

That book, which would cost more than ten times that amount today, sits on a shelf inside her store, ready for any student who might be frustrated with having to buy a \$120 "Lifespan Development" book at the beginning of a new semester.

Many students, like Amber Schueth, junior in speech pathology, who spent double on books this semester than what she spent last semester, want a better and cheaper way to get the textbooks needed for class.

While students are quick to blame the bookstores for the high prices, Kennedy said she wants students to know that they are making an investment and bookstores have little to do with the actual cost of the book. Kennedy said she did agree with students that there are some frustrating aspects to the textbook industry.

Recent federal legislation is aimed at helping both students and bookstores find a better equilibrium, while also holding schools accountable. The new

law has three components that help faculty select the most appropriate textbook, help bookstores help students and also guide students when selecting the courses they wish to take by providing textbook prices up front.

The first section of the legislation states, "When a publisher [contacts] a ... faculty member ... in charge of selecting course materials at a [federally funded university or institution] ... the pub-

"There are some disciplines where last year's book is outdated, but the Civil War hasn't changed"
—Stormy Kennedy

lisher shall include such information and in writing, the following: the price at which the publisher would make the college textbook or supplemental material available to the bookstore ... the copyright dates of the three previous editions ... if the textbook is available in a [cheaper] format."

This means that each faculty member in charge of selecting the books required for a given class must know in advance the price and the cheapest, most effective materials available.

Kennedy said she sees some irrationality in publishing a new edition of a textbook every two to three years. This prevents students from being able to use a friend's book from the year before and makes it a challenge for bookstore owners to keep used books on their shelves.

"There are some disciplines where last year's book is outdated, but the Civil War hasn't changed," Kennedy said, in reference to some books that are needlessly replaced every few years with new editions that are hardly changed.

She said she feels it takes away from time that could be better spent by instructors having to keep up with new editions when the current textbook is just as effective.

The law also states that any textbook and extra material that may be "bundled" (a text book, worksheet book and supplemental-but-not required-CD that have previously only been sold together) must also have each item available separately and priced as such. This way, students like Schueth who had to spend money on a statistics CD she never used are not paying for more than they will actually use.

Steve Levin, co-owner and bookstore manager of Varney's, said he sees the unbundling of required texts as being most helpful to students. Levin said the books for English 100 and English 200 are bundled right now, but with the

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UPC builds September 11 flag memorial

"It is important to always remember this defining moment in American history."

—Anna Knackstedt



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN
Nine years ago, 2,973 people died in the September 11 tragedy. Members of the Union Program Council marked this tragedy by assembling 2,973 flags in the shape of the two towers of the World Trade Center in the quad.

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The blisted fingers of the Union Program Council Forums Committee shows their dedication to remembrance, as they created a large patriotic display in the K-State Student Union Thursday night.

Anna Knackstedt, junior in political science and French and the Forums Committee co-chair, said the display was made to commemorate the lives lost in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Knackstedt said 2,973 flags were placed in the quad in the shape of the twin towers to represent the lives lost. Along with the flags, three signs were placed in the quad to signify the need to remember the events that took place on Sept. 11. She also said that besides the committee members, several other students arrived to help set up the display including some members of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

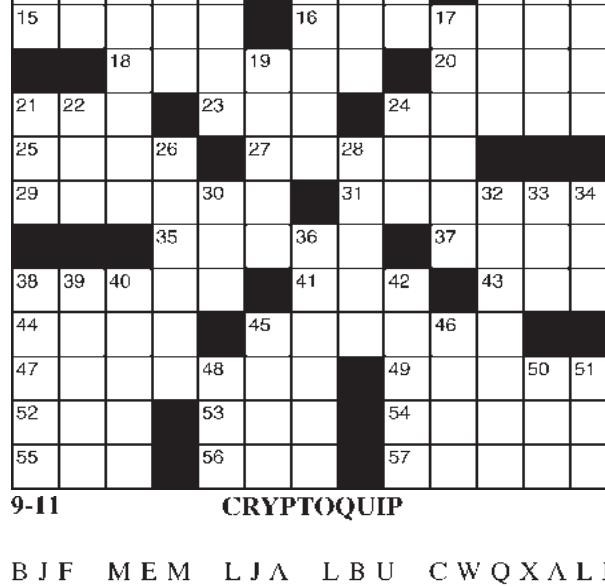
"It is important to always remember this defining moment in American history," Knackstedt said.

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Yesterday's answer 9-11



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STREET TALK

Check out Page 1 and Page 4 for a story and an editorial about Sept. 11.

Q: Where were you during the attacks on Sept. 11?



“I was at home, my mom came into the room and told me, but I was too young to understand.”

Adriana Weatherspoon
Sophomore, psychology

“I was in 5th grade. The teachers didn't tell us until noon, then they brought in a TV showing the news.”

Bruce Georgiana
Freshman, music education

“I was in 6th grade. My teacher said something horrible had happened and to find out when we got home.”

Mabel Borjas
Sophomore, marketing

“I saw on TV before school and thought to myself, 'wow, crazy terrorists'.”

John Klementowski
Freshman, computer science

THE PLANNER

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The Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department is in need of volunteer coaches for the following youth sports: soccer, flag football, volleyball and cheerleading. The regular season will start Monday and run through the end of October. Anyone interested in gaining coaching experience or donating their time for local youth sports can call 785-587-2757 or stop by 1101 Fremont St. in City Park. For further information, contact Jeff Mayer at mayer@ci.manhattan.ks.us or Josh Maike at maike@ci.manhattan.ks.us.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Sandeep Rana at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Chemistry/Biochemistry Building 437. The thesis topic is "Synthesis, Biophysical Analysis and Biological Evaluation of Trycyclic Pyrones and Pyridinones as Anti-Alzheimer Agents."

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Interview Tips Workshop with a Cerner corporate recruiter at 4 p.m. Monday in K-State Student Union Room 213. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

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Representatives from CIMBA Study Abroad in Italy will be hosting an information session from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday in Calvin 209. For more information or questions e-mail cimba@ksu.edu

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Irene Nephew at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Bluemont 257. The thesis topic is "An Ethnographic Content Analysis of Children's Fiction Picture Books Reflecting African American Culture Published 2001-2005."

The K-State Challenge Course is offering a High Ropes Challenge event from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Come experience the power pole, heebie jeebie, flying squirrel and giant swing. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex before Wednesday. This event is for K-State students, faculty and staff and the general public. For more information and costs, go online to recservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Kristina Henderson at 10 a.m. Sept. 23 in Bluemont 16E. The thesis topic is "The Effects of a Cognitive Information Processing Career Intervention on the Dysfunctional Career Thoughts and Locus of Control of Underprepared College Students."

Interested in representing K-State at events throughout the state? Apply to be a K-State Student Ambassador. Job descriptions and applications are now available online at k-state.com/studentambassadors. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Sept. 23.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Roby Joe Joes at 1 p.m. Sept. 25 in Throckmorton 1017. The thesis topic is "Generalized and Multiple-Trait Extensions to Quantitative-Trait Locus Mapping."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

How much did you spend on textbooks this semester?

A) Less than \$100 B) \$100-\$199 C) \$200-\$299 D) \$300 or more

To submit your answer, visit www.kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

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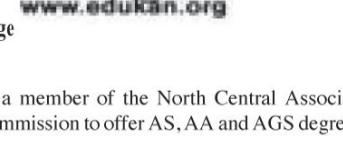
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SESSION 2

Orientation

Australian artist to perform at Manhattan Arts Center

By Michael Shoemaker
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Nick Charles, an acoustic musician, is scheduled to perform at the Manhattan Arts Center at 8 p.m. tonight. Charles, who is from Australia, has played at various venues around the world.

"I heard him and I

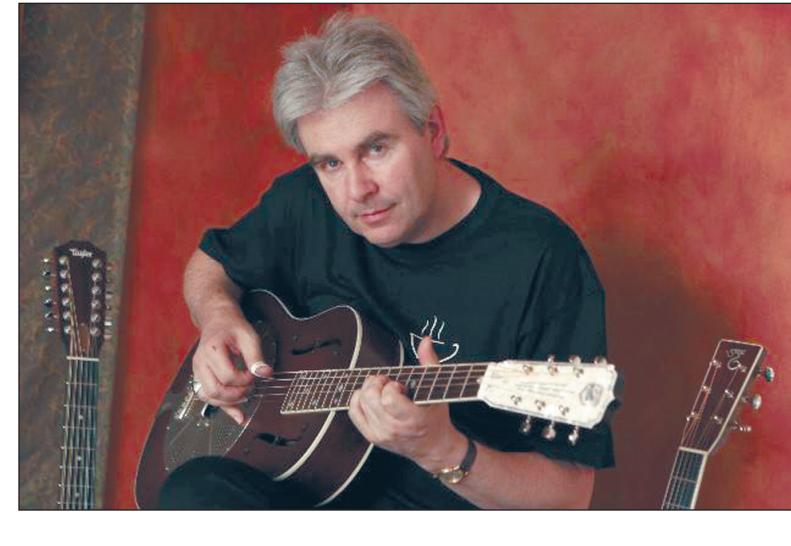
liked him a lot," said Penny Senften, executive director of the arts center. "He has really interesting lyrics and he connects really well with people."

Charles last played in Manhattan in July of 2006 in a house concert as part of the Solon Series.

Charles plays about 200

shows a year, in places from Sydney, Australia, to Kansas City, Mo. His concert performances include blues and jazz festivals.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for military and \$13 for students. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the seating is first come, first serve.



Nick Charles, acoustic musician, will be performing at the Manhattan Arts Center tonight at 8 p.m.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

A day of remembrance

9/11; a reminder of freedom

For all Americans, the events on Sept. 11, 2001 caused a great shift in our collective mind set. On that day, we learned we are more vulnerable to terrorist attacks than we once thought.

For years, we thought the oceans surrounding our nation would protect us from attacks of this magnitude. It was impossible to imagine the disdain for innocent lives the terrorists exhibited. On that day, we learned the freedoms we enjoy have a high price, and the new threats we face have no limits and can come from within our borders.

As firefighters, the courageous acts of the firefighters on Sept. 11 reminded us of our call to duty and our promise of self-sacrifice to serve others. It reminded us that the threats we must prepare for are not diminishing. Mostly, it reminded us to be vigilant and to prepare for the new kinds of threats to our citizens.

For firefighters, the events of Sept. 11 were a wake-up call to service.

The attacks created new challenges and opportunities for the emergency services. In response to the attacks, President Bush created the Department of Homeland Security to consolidate the federal effort to protect the American people from terrorism. Since 2002, the Department of Homeland Security has awarded more than \$27 billion to state and local municipalities for the equipment, infrastructure, staffing and training to prepare for these threats. This funding has been vital as emergency service organizations across the country have prepared for the potential of future attacks.

At the Manhattan Fire Department, we have used this funding to prepare for potential threats to our citizens. We have sent more than 100 individuals to over 4,000 hours of grant-funded training since 2005. We have received funding for hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment, designed to deal with hazards of all kinds. We have developed a regional hazardous materials team and a regional technical rescue task force to help respond to threats in the region.

We are not alone in this effort. All of the emergency service organizations in



SCOTT CLARK

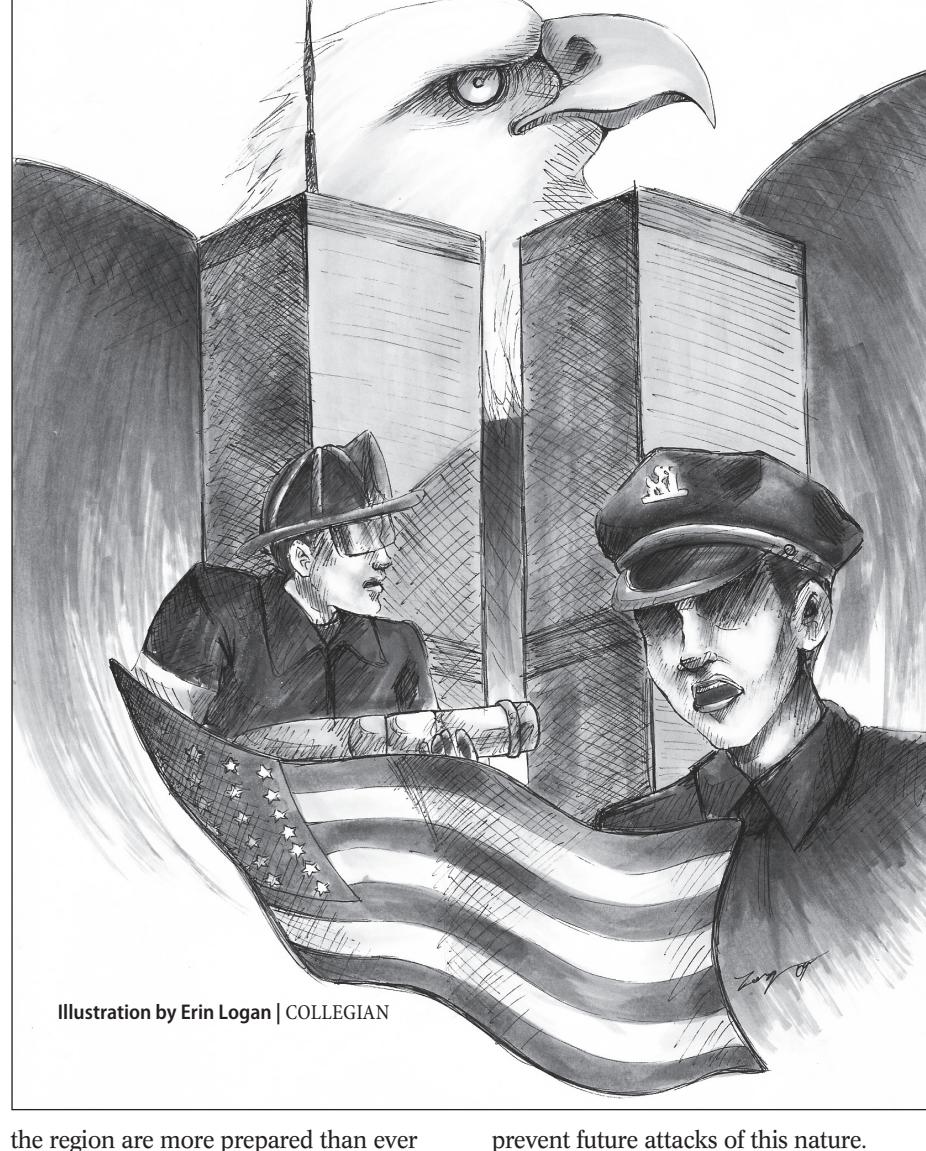


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the region are more prepared than ever to respond and to work in a cooperative manner. The wake-up call of the Sept. 11 attacks served to unite us as we have realized that no one organization has the personnel and resources to deal with the new threats we face alone.

There is a new danger facing us today, eight years after the attacks — complacency. Recent articles have speculated that "responder fatigue" has begun to set in after the thousands of hours of training and planning that have occurred without subsequent attacks. This cannot be tolerated.

My call today to my colleagues in the emergency services is to remember the service and sacrifice of all of our brothers and sisters in the response to the Sept. 11 attacks. Remember the innocent victims and their families. Remember all our brave soldiers that have sacrificed time away from their loved ones and paid the ultimate price of their own lives to protect our freedom overseas. Remember and act.

My call today to all emergency personnel is to remain determined to

prevent future attacks of this nature. Where they cannot be prevented, we must be prepared to respond in an effective manner.

What can you as a citizen do? In the emergency services we have posters, signs and decals that proclaim, "We will never forget!"

On behalf of my colleagues, I would ask all of you to do the same. You can prepare your family for all threats that might disable normal services for a period of time. You can support politicians and legislation that provide funding to your local emergency service agencies. When disaster strikes, you can volunteer to assist your neighbors and local emergency services in a safe and coordinated manner.

We are all in this together and today, on the eighth anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, we must be determined to never forget.

Scott Clark is the chief training officer for the Manhattan Fire Department. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Japan's first lady claims alien abduction to Venus

Japan recently voted on a new prime minister and the lucky man slated to take office on Sept. 16 is Yukio Hatoyama.

Hatoyama comes from a very political family — in fact, his grandfather was the founder and first president of the Japan Democratic Party in the 1950s.

Hatoyama is known for being eccentric.

His wacky hair and unexpressive face have earned him the nickname "The Alien," but compared to his wife, Miyuki, he is fairly tame. Mrs. Hatoyama, a former actress and cookbook writer, claims in interviews that she has been abducted by aliens, taken to the planet Venus and met Tom Cruise in a past life when he was Japanese.

I'll pause here and give you a moment to digest all of that.

Now, I consider myself to be a



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pretty open-minded person. I don't give alien-abduction stories much credence, but I wholeheartedly believe there is life on other planets, so being abducted by aliens for scientific analysis is possible. Highly improbable, but possible.

That being said, Mrs. Hatoyama's story of being taken to the planet Venus is proof that she's either lying, delusional or very gullible. She described the experience in her book, "Very Strange Things I've Encountered," which was published last year. She wrote, "While my body was asleep, I think my soul rode on a triangular-shaped UFO and went to Venus. It was a very beautiful place and it was very green."

Yes, that's right. The abduction happened while she was asleep one night 20 years ago, but she's convinced it was not a dream. While you're trying to wrap your head around that one, I would like to remind you that Venus has so much carbon dioxide in its atmosphere that it represents the worst-case scenario when it comes to the greenhouse

effect. The surface temperatures on Venus can get over 800 degrees Fahrenheit. Lead melts at about 621 degrees Fahrenheit, so unless the beautiful greenery she saw was something glowing and radioactive, it's not likely she's ever been to Venus, with or without her body.

I would love to read this book of hers to find out more about her trip to Venus, but there does not seem to be an English-language edition. I've had to settle for trying to imagine a Japanese version of Edgar Rice Burrough's "Carson of Venus."

As for her chummy, past-life relationship with a Japanese Tom Cruise, Mrs. Hatoyama says, "I believe he'd get it if I said to him, 'Long time, no see,' when we meet."

Strange as it may sound, this quotation of hers made me second-guess myself when trying to judge her level of sanity. If she were truly mad, she would have picked any other actor in the world and we all would feel sorry for them. The fact that she's chosen Tom Cruise demonstrates she still has her wits about her.

Tom Cruise is such an otherworldly

scrobbal that I not only expect him to greet her like an old friend, but to ask her if she'd like someone to carpool with on her next trip to Venus.

Again, I try to be open-minded. I don't know much about Japan, so I couldn't help but wonder if there was just a very strong cultural difference that made Mrs. Hatoyama seem weird to me, as a Westerner.

So, I did what any modern girl would do and nosed around on Twitter.com and Facebook.com to see what Japanese people were saying about the future First Lady of Japan. As it turns out, she has a nickname as interesting as her husband's. They're calling her "Mrs. Occult." It kind of has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

I hope they make a movie about her someday, preferably starring Tom Cruise, called, "The Alien, The Last Samurai and Mrs. Occult Go to Venus." I would pay real money to see that.

Karen Ingram is a sophomore in English. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

THE FOURUM
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How about Chupa-thingie?

The Best Choice brand of Cinnamon Toast Crunch is very heavy on the toast crunch and very light on the cinnamon.

Camping: It's a legitimate strategy.

Jessica killed a squirrel. It's a fact.

Euler was a German mathematician. Why don't we learn American math.

We learn German math because American math would be 12 beers minus 12 beers = one beer run.

We can go poop now. It wasn't our toilet that was leaking; it was our ice maker.

Decently interesting male seeking like-minded female for dinner conversations at Kramer. Soft-spoken need not apply. Apply in person.

You can't shut down Chaos. It lives on.

Chaos.

Who's Chaos and why did they just write on my car?

I bet that Chaos pollutes a lot.

What's wrong with being an atheist?

You sound like an elephant sitting on a Tic-Tac!

I think I have the swine flu. Oh wait, I don't go to KU.

Looks like there's free samples at the pharmacy. Chaos.

It looks like the bank on Poyntz is giving away free money. Chaos.

To the cat on Fourth Street: Chaos.

Courtney: There's only one "o" in "mohawk".

Chaos gets in the Fourum tomorrow or the Collegian gets another blackout.

Don't worry, Chaos is not a trained electrician.

To the people in the sweatshirts and glasses: Thanks for tagging our house.

What is Chaos and why is it written on my car?

Best of Fourum

I can't believe I got swine flu from a KU sorority house. There have been many less believable things that have happened. Like Michael Jackson.

My boyfriend is pretty much amazing. Just saying.

Decent at best, at very best.

If I put a construction sticker on the side of my car, does that mean I get to park wherever I want to? You can try that, but it might mean your car gets turned into a heap of metal.

Wow. Way to go Collegian. Pretty sure that power outage was scheduled. Cheers. Pretty sure your face wasn't scheduled.

I'm not the electrician from St. Marys, but I did get the call at 3 a.m. We got your power on in three hours. If you think you work with 4160 and get it done faster, then there's a job for you at Facilities. No thanks needed, it's my job and I work at K-State.

I could not have fixed it, because I am the Fourum and don't have hands. Thanks for the help, though.

We can go poop now. It wasn't our toilet that was leaking; it was our ice maker.

How exactly could you make that mistake? That doesn't sound like a sanitary place for an ice maker to be.

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Jardine hosts informational bike event



Bicycle Co. explains safety, maintenance

By **Shelton Burch**
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Employees from Big Poppi Bicycle Company joined officers of the Riley County Police Department and the K-State Police Department in educating the public at the Frith Community Center of the Jardine Apartments Thursday night.

The evening was an opportunity for the K-State Police to clear up some confusion on some of the rules regarding cyclists at K-State.

"It is technically against regulation to ride on the sidewalks on campus," said Scott Jacobs, K-State police officer. "It isn't a rule we enforce a lot unless it becomes a problem, though."

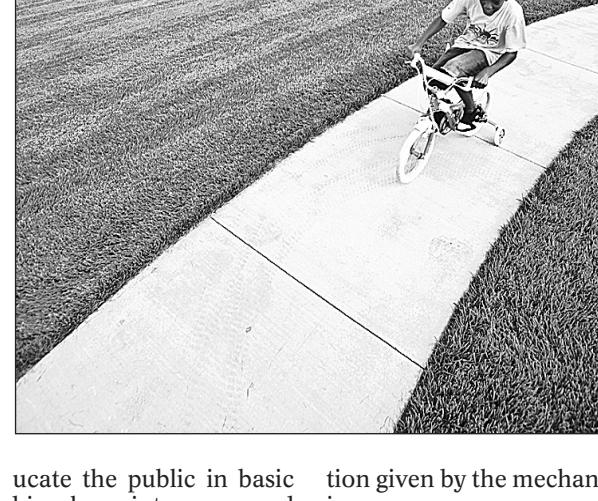
Jacobs was pres-

ent to answer questions throughout the event and most of the questions he fielded dealt with how and where to find model and serial numbers on a bike. One or the other of these numbers is needed to have a bike registered with K-State Parking Services.

Jacobs also stressed the idea of basic safety on a bike, saying the number one thing people can do to stay safe is wear a helmet.

"We still see a few bicycle accidents, whether it's a car and a bike or someone took a misstep and hit a curb," Jacob said. "Helmets obviously really help when you're falling from an elevated height like that."

The Big Poppi Bicycle Company also ap-



peared at the event to ed-

ucate the public in basic bicycle maintenance, and the important things to look for in a bicycle.

"It all depends on what you're going to use it for and how often you're going to be riding," said Jeff Koenig, "2nd spoke" at Big Poppi. "We have ten types of bikes in the store and we don't even have every kind."

Ashley Myers, senior in regional and community planning, said she was surprised by the presenta-

tion given by the mechanic.

"It seemed easier than I thought it could be," said Myers.

Myers thought the police input was interesting, especially their discussion about bicycles on the sidewalk rule. Naware Dahal, graduate student in chemistry, said he also enjoyed that part.

"The information given by the police department was very good," said Dahal. "I didn't know

Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Above: Fifteen month old **Nijab Dahal** peers about while a Big Poppi employee explains proper ways to fix common malfunctions in bicycles. Riley County Police Department and the K-State Police Department also spoke Thursday evening. **Left:** Jardine resident, **Jason Onyango** flies around the tricycle track. Throughout the evening people raced tricycles around the track outside of Frith Community Center in Jardine Apartments.

some of the rules."

Dahal also was impressed with the turnout, saying there usually are not near as many people as there were present.

Jeff Koenig said the event took a lot of planning. The physical parts, such as what to bring Thursday night, were planned about two weeks ago. The idea for the evening as a whole was first realized last spring.

Pike to honor deceased member

By **Hannah Loftus**
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

"Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity is holding a celebration to honor the laughter and light of member Christopher William Garlow," said Patrick Houlehan, junior in construction science and management and a close friend of Garlow's.



Garlow

The service will be held to dedicate an oak tree to remember Garlow as a friend. The ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the Pi Kappa Alpha house, 2021 College View Road.

"We wanted to think of a unique way to remember him and we thought the best way to do that would be to plant a symbolic oak tree," Houlehan said.

Garlow, 21, passed away in the early morning hours of July 16 from smoke inhalation of fumes and gases when the engine of his BMW 530XI accidentally caught fire. Police ruled his cause of death as an accident after the fire was extinguished. He was buried next to his grandfather, Burtis Garlow, in Salina on July 20.

Garlow was studying business management and participated in many campus clubs like Greeks Actively Pursuing Spirituality and Navigators. Soccer and singing were a few of Garlow's many passions and he had many achievements in both. A version of the song "Lean On Me," sung by Garlow, can be seen on YouTube.com.

"He had a lot of talents; singing and participating in athletics were some of his favorite pastimes," said Houlehan, Garlow's pledge brother. "He was the most fun and outgoing guy and you probably won't meet a more positive person."

His family has created the Christopher Garlow "Lean On Me" Inspirational Award for Boys State Counselors. Garlow served as a summer counselor for Boys State from 2006-09.

The oak tree was planted in the front yard of Pike and a plaque was placed in honor of Garlow.

All friends and K-State students are invited to attend the service and honor the memory of Garlow.

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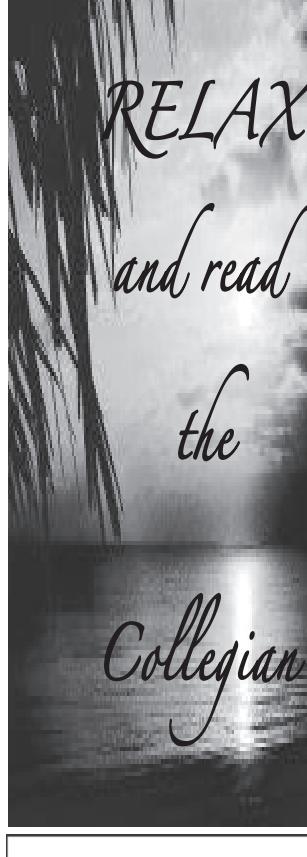
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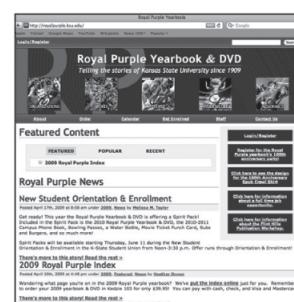
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Intramural sports often overlooked

In high school, sports are standardized for the most part. Students are offered athletic choices within their schools and occasionally within youth groups and outside leagues.



DANNY DAVIS

Football, volleyball, soccer, track and basketball tend to remain the common choices available at most government schools. Students at larger schools, classified in Kansas as 4A, 5A and 6A, are offered additional choices, but the principle remains the same.

High school students traverse their secondary education and are introduced to the most popular sports related to their region and the United States. Skilled athletes earn scholarships and the opportunity to continue their athletic career in college.

Within the file cabinet and a half of information distributed to high school seniors, any intramural sheet goes unnoticed. I'm not sure I even have a paper on intramural sports buried within all the information.

The players that opt not to continue their athletic career remain passionate for sports, attending games and watching "SportsCenter," yet many freshmen remain unfamiliar with intramural sports.

For the athlete of yesterday, intramural sports provide a method for former players to remain physically fit and active within the sporting community. K-State Recreation Services sponsors common sports that freshmen are acquainted with during high school, and new sports and activities that provide healthy competition across the campus.

A few sports offered include tennis, bowling, swimming and even a video game intramural club. In the spring, the selections change slightly when new options are added, including kickball and billiards.

Physical activity declines as students transition from high school to college. Time management skills typically suffer as freshmen become accustomed to campus life. Additionally, classes often demand increased study time. Add social interests into the mix, and college newcomers often neglect physical fitness.

Fortunately, intramural sports provide both an incentive and a means to remain physically active. While some teams are unable to practice regularly because of schedule conflicts, others such as Ultimate Frisbee teams, maintain a regular practice schedule.

Men's Fitness magazine, in collaboration with the Princeton Review, released a college ranking guide determined by fitness. Upon surveying thousands of students, the magazine determined the nation's "fittest and fittest" colleges. Of interest, at the number one spot for "fittest college" is the University of Lafayette, La., the Wildcat football team's opponent this Saturday.

The report fails to mention K-State on either list, which is both positive and negative. K-State students possess a variety of fitness options at their disposal. Intramural sports can remedy the problem for the non-competing athlete-at-heart who gradually gains weight studying and playing X-Box at night.

Freshmen students need not shed their athletic talents as they walk onto campus. While the organization of intramural sports differs from high school athletics, the fundamental concept remains the same: competition, fitness and fun.

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Line up



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

The Kansas State volleyball team stands on their home court at Ahearn Field House before Tuesday's victory over South Dakota. The No. 21 Cats are currently preparing for tournament play against Kentucky, the Portland and the Purdue over the weekend.

Wildcats to host weekend tournament

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Things seemed a little worrisome when the No. 21 K-State volleyball team (5-2) stumbled out to an 0-2 start for the first time since the 2003 campaign.

However, the Wildcats' fortunes seemed to change as the squad has since reeled off five consecutive victories, including a first-place finish at the Nike BYU Invitational.

But with seven matches in the books, Suzie Fritz isn't sure the Wildcats are where they need to be.

"I think our focus right now is just really trying to develop some consistency and some discipline in terms of the things that we want to do," said Fritz, who is in her ninth season as K-State's head volleyball coach. "We just haven't really thought about the ones we're winning and the ones we're losing. I'm not sure the wins and losses are a true indication of how you play."

The Wildcats will continue toward their goals of consistency and discipline as they host the Varney's Kansas State Invitational this weekend in Ahearn Field House.

Fritz said K-State, which features seven freshmen, enters the tournament playing on a higher level than it was at the beginning of the season as the team continues to develop its own identity.

TOURNAMENT OPPONENTS

Team:	Kentucky	Portland	Purdue
Record:	7-0	2-6	4-2
Rank:	17	Not ranked	Receiving votes
Date/Time:	Tonight at 7:30 p.m.	Saturday at 12:30 p.m.	Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Series:	First meeting	K-State leads 2-1	Purdue leads 2-1

"They've finally figured out what kind of team they need to be," she said. "That just doesn't come overnight. You've got to play together for a while. My whole thing is, decide who you're going to be and be that team. Don't try to be anybody else."

The tournament features a solid field, highlighted by the No. 17 Kentucky Wildcats, who bring a perfect 7-0 record into Manhattan. Also participating are the Portland Pilots (2-6) and the Purdue Boilermakers (4-2). The Boilermakers, who are receiving votes in the AVCA coaches poll, handed K-State its first loss of the 2008 season at their home tournament in West Lafayette, Ind.

"Purdue and Kentucky are legitimate top-25 teams and I don't recall having two top-25 teams in [this tournament] before," Fritz said.

The tournament kicks off tonight at 5 p.m. when the Boilermakers and Pilots face off. Entering the tournament, the Wildcats are led by a pair of outside hit-

ters in junior JuliAnne Chisholm and senior Kelsey Chipman. The duo is averaging 3.6 and 2.92 kills per set, respectively. Chipman has been an all-around force for K-State in 2009, and averages one block per set and owns a .385 hitting percentage.

While home court advantage is often cherished, Fritz said playing within the confines of one's own building can sometimes lead to added difficulty.

"You would think that you would play better at home, but there's also more distractions," she said. "You can go into somebody else's place and nobody knows you. I think there are different pressures that come with having to be good at home."

That being said, she also expressed her appreciation for the fans, who set a record for season ticket sales this year.

"I'm so happy with the fans' response to this team and their support," Fritz said. "I've just been very, very pleased with the community and campus response to this team."

Golf team opens season with tournament in Indiana

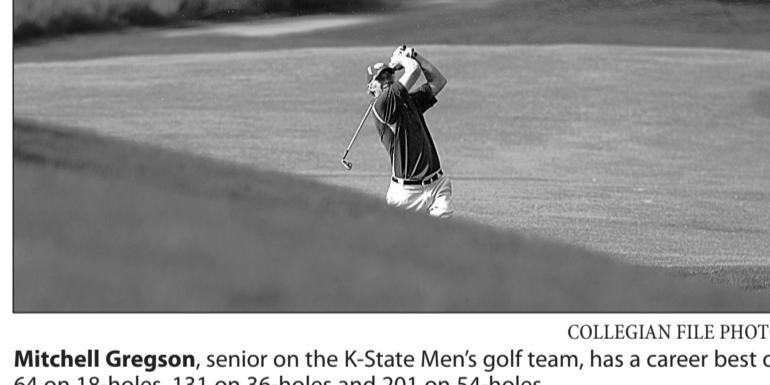
By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's golf team is scheduled to play in its first tournament of the 2009-10 season. The Wildcats will compete in the Wolf Run Intercollegiate in Zionsville, Ind. this weekend.

The tournament consists of three rounds; all 16 teams will play 36 holes tomorrow and 18 holes on Sunday. Each team will bring five players to golf, with the top four scores counting toward the team total.

Michigan looks to defend its title from last season's win at Wolf Run, when they won by 10 strokes. K-State men's golf head coach Tim Norris said he thinks this year's participants consist of teams with a lot of talent, which will be good competition for the Wildcats.

"It's a very good field," Norris said. "Several of these teams were NCAA teams from last year. Both Illinois and Michigan advanced to



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Mitchell Gregson, senior on the K-State Men's golf team, has a career best of 64 on 18-holes, 131 on 36-holes and 201 on 54-holes.

the championships. It's going to be a good indication of where we are pretty early in the season."

With so many good teams playing in the 2009 Wolf Run Intercollegiate, the Wildcats may have a tough task at hand. Norris said he thinks he has a roster full of talent, as Mitch Gregson was named

by GolfWorld as one of the Top-50 players to watch this season.

"Mitch Gregson and Joe Ida were two of our everyday players from last year," Norris said. "Chase Chamberlin did a great job in the qualifier and he's just a red-shirt freshman. Joe Kinney, who is a fifth-year senior, has a lot of

experience and Ross Geubelle was a tremendous help last year. We have a good variety of players and I think Gregson's best golf is ahead of him."

With the Wildcats coming off a NCAA Regional berth last season, Norris said he does not have any real expectations just yet, but did say he just wants to improve upon last season's finish.

"If we can be better than last year, not so much from a team standpoint but more from an individual standpoint, I think we'll have a better year," Norris said. "We lost two real good players from last year; one was an All-American. I don't think this year is a rebuilding year; I think this could be a really special year for us."

First round tournament play will begin tomorrow at Wolf Run Golf Club opening with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Second round play will immediately follow the first round, while the third round play is scheduled to begin Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

COLLEGIAN STAFF PICKS

Members of the Collegian staff and University President Kirk

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Iowa at Iowa State	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa State	Iowa	Iowa
UCLA at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Marshall at No. 14 Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech					
No. 3 USC at No. 8 Ohio State	USC	Ohio State	USC	USC	USC	USC

BOOKS | New law would require schools to provide book prices

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new law, students could buy used versions of the textbook and only have to buy the necessary workbooks new, which cuts down a lot of cost. Levin also mentioned that Varney's is trying to work with different methods of printing to keep ahead of the growing industry in order to deliver reduced prices.

Students might see the final subsection of the law go into effect sooner than the other changes, however. Those long International Standard Book Numbers, or more commonly known as ISBNs, might be popping up on future K-State course schedules this school year. According to the report of the amendment, after being signed by President Obama on Aug. 14, all the changes must be made by July 1, 2010.

The amendment reads that each university must provide this information to students on the course schedule so students can be fully aware of the cost of the course before they en-

roll. Additionally, the university must also provide bookstores with the ISBNs of books they wish to be made available.

"This year I spent \$700, which was a huge difference from last year," Scheuth said. "It's the uncertainty and how much it varies. A big problem is that it's so expensive and this would give [students] time to find deals online."

A few more strategies stated by the legislation might peak many students' interest. The law asks that colleges help students a) find available programs for renting or purchasing used texts, b) make available "institutional guaranteed textbook buy-back programs," and c) make "alternative content delivery programs" (i.e. online textbooks) and other "cost-saving strategies."

Kennedy stressed that it helps to consider the value of a book. She sees books as the result of someone's hard work and the money they receive is a small price to pay for what takes many authors nearly a decade.

Throwin' pots



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Andrea Cote, senior in art, works in the ceramics room in the afternoon's heat and humidity on a project for her ceramics class. "For throwing it doesn't help, and it's hard to concentrate because there's no A/C," she said about the humidity.

SGA | discusses proposed bill, encourages student involvement

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While the committee may become eliminated from the by-laws, it will remain in the university statutes. However, the intentions were made clear that the Operations Committee would like to pursue a removal within the statutes as well.

Tanner Bannon, who was appointed elections commissioner last semester, urged students to get involved with the committee.

"Go to the [Senate Operations] Committee meeting if you'd like to voice your opinion," Bannon said.

The issue is likely to appear

another day on the floor of the Senate. It was referred back to the Senate Operations Committee.

Senators proposed other resolutions and bills as well. Student representatives unanimously voted to approve Resolution 09/10/28, commending the K-State Athletic Department and Union Program Council for the success of the "K-State Family Reunion."

The family reunion and the football game against Massachusetts, Sept. 5, drew a record number of fans for a season opener at home and featured the largest reunion of former Wildcat players in university history.

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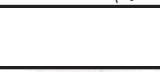
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Parenthood a life changing experience

Halloween 2008: Attended a party at Founder's Hill dressed as Amy Winehouse – wig, fake tats and all (better than the year before when I went as Josh Freeman).

Halloween 2009: Going to be spent dressing my 3-month-old daughter in a giraffe or bumble bee costume; we haven't decided yet.

If someone had told me last Halloween that a week later, in my sophomore year of college, I would be sitting with my best friend in the guest bathroom at my sorority house holding a positive pregnancy test in my hand, I would have laughed. Really hard.

The Allstate Insurance guy said "Life comes at you fast," but I didn't realize how fast until I became a 20-year-old college junior majoring in biology, engaged and pregnant, nearly a year after my last real party.

In college, I've slept through class, been recruited and recruited others, gorged on watermelon at Lambda Chi Alpha's Watermelon Bust, dressed in footie pajamas for no reason, made 2 a.m. Daylight Donuts runs and spent way too much of Dad's money at the mall because I was a naïve freshman who hadn't yet realized money doesn't grow on trees.

I might have made some great memories in my first two years of college, but there really isn't anything like watching your newborn baby fall asleep in your arms for the first time. It sounds cliché, but I wouldn't trade my "new life" for the world.

The hardest part is relating to the rest of you. Changing my major junior year might not have been the smartest idea, but I realized it wasn't just my life that depended on my success in the future.

I was sitting in my BIO 198 class on the first day and my instructor asked who was a freshman. This other guy and myself were the only ones who didn't raise our hands. Awesome, doesn't really do much to quell my newly acquired "mother hen" instincts.

I guess I always figured the nontraditional students were the 30 and 40-year-olds in my class who had decided to go back to college. I definitely felt for a while that I was the only person on campus who came to K-State fresh out of high school, had a baby over the summer and got right back into the swing of things without missing a beat.

People act surprised when I tell them I'm not taking a semester off; that my fiance and I are both full-time students who don't take their child to day care. I'm lucky enough to have friends who help the few hours a week we need someone to stay with Emaline. My fiance and I meet on campus daily for quick hand-offs or lunch in the Union. In fact, I fear reading the Fourum in case someone has dubbed me "Stroller Girl".

This new norm has been quite an adjustment and I'm not done yet. I'm typing this with a burp rag over my shoulder. I went to Varney's the other day to pick up an algebra book and grabbed a stuffed Elmo from the kids' section on my way to check out.

My thinking Elmo is Emaline's favorite "Sesame Street" character, judging by her 2-month-old enthusiasm when I show her Elmo on her diapers, probably isn't a rational way of thinking, but what new mom uses rationality all the time?

The highlight of each week is renting a Red Box movie from Wal-Mart after grocery shopping. My fiance bought beer last week and the box is still full. Life is not what it used to be, but we've learned to take things in stride. My own grandmother told me the other day that even two or three years ago she would not have supported the birth of an "illegitimate grandchild," but is now more open-minded and loves all of us.

It's hard filling out forms and putting two last names, but it's made me stronger ... given me a spine for once, actually. Before, I settled with being a public relations consultant; now I'm looking into dental schools.

Having a baby has been the hardest and best thing I have ever done. I have a new perspective on life, and although living a different one than my peers sometimes gets me down, I know they probably aren't as lucky as me.

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If someone had told me last Halloween that a week later, in my sophomore year of college, I would be sitting with my best friend in the guest bathroom at my sorority house holding a positive pregnancy test in my hand, I would have laughed. Really hard.

The Allstate Insurance guy said "Life comes at you fast," but I didn't realize how fast until I became a 20-year-old college junior majoring in biology, engaged and pregnant, nearly a year after my last real party.

In college, I've slept through class, been recruited and recruited others, gorged on watermelon at Lambda Chi Alpha's Watermelon Bust, dressed in footie pajamas for no reason, made 2 a.m. Daylight Donuts runs and spent way too much of Dad's money at the mall because I was a naïve freshman who hadn't yet realized money doesn't grow on trees.

I might have made some great memories in my first two years of college, but there really isn't anything like watching your newborn baby fall asleep in your arms for the first time. It sounds cliché, but I wouldn't trade my "new life" for the world.

The hardest part is relating to the rest of you. Changing my major junior year might not have been the smartest idea, but I realized it wasn't just my life that depended on my success in the future.

I was sitting in my BIO 198 class on the first day and my instructor asked who was a freshman. This other guy and myself were the only ones who didn't raise our hands. Awesome, doesn't really do much to quell my newly acquired "mother hen" instincts.

I guess I always figured the nontraditional students were the 30 and 40-year-olds in my class who had decided to go back to college. I definitely felt for a while that I was the only person on campus who came to K-State fresh out of high school, had a baby over the summer and got right back into the swing of things without missing a beat.

People act surprised when I tell them I'm not taking a semester off; that my fiance and I are both full-time students who don't take their child to day care. I'm lucky enough to have friends who help the few hours a week we need someone to stay with Emaline. My fiance and I meet on campus daily for quick hand-offs or lunch in the Union. In fact, I fear reading the Fourum in case someone has dubbed me "Stroller Girl".

This new norm has been quite an adjustment and I'm not done yet. I'm typing this with a burp rag over my shoulder. I went to Varney's the other day to pick up an algebra book and grabbed a stuffed Elmo from the kids' section on my way to check out.

My thinking Elmo is Emaline's favorite "Sesame Street" character, judging by her 2-month-old enthusiasm when I show her Elmo on her diapers, probably isn't a rational way of thinking, but what new mom uses rationality all the time?

The highlight of each week is renting a Red Box movie from Wal-Mart after grocery shopping. My fiance bought beer last week and the box is still full. Life is not what it used to be, but we've learned to take things in stride. My own grandmother told me the other day that even two or three years ago she would not have supported the birth of an "illegitimate grandchild," but is now more open-minded and loves all of us.

It's hard filling out forms and putting two last names, but it's made me stronger ... given me a spine for once, actually. Before, I settled with being a public relations consultant; now I'm looking into dental schools.

Having a baby has been the hardest and best thing I have ever done. I have a new perspective on life, and although living a different one than my peers sometimes gets me down, I know they probably aren't as lucky as me.

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Skater upsurge



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Nick Stueve, sophomore in electrical engineering, jumps off of a three foot ramp at the CiCo Park skate area Tuesday afternoon.

Campus skateboarders practice at local parks around Manhattan

Melissa Short
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When walking on campus, it is a common occurrence to see someone fly past on a skateboard on their way to class. Skateboarding is a quick way to get around on campus but also a popular sport with its own culture.

"Skateboarding is a lot of fun because there are always new tricks to learn and you can always improve yourself," said Andrew Collingwood, sophomore in civil engineering, who has been skating for the past seven years.

Skateboarding is often considered an extreme sport that only young people do as a way to rebel against authority, but those who skateboard would beg to differ.

"I like skating because it's challenging and because of the social aspect – you can always learn something new from other people and trade tricks with them to see what they've been doing," said Kyle Lundy, sophomore in graphic design, who took up skateboarding his freshman year at K-State.

There are two types of skateboards that

are popular at K-State: the longboard and the traditional skateboard.

"Most people here longboard to get around, but back home in Kansas City people have regular skateboards and do tricks," Collingwood said.

The main difference between longboards and skateboards is the shape and length. Longboards are longer, obviously, and have less rounded edges, while skateboards are shorter and have rounded, upturned edges. Most students use longboards because they are meant to be a way of traveling from place to place, whereas the shorter boards most people are familiar with are made for doing tricks.

"I've noticed a lot of people here use skating as transportation rather than it being more of a hobby," Lundy said.

This statement seems to be true – the sidewalks are full of skaters in between classes. Those who do like to practice tricks go to the skate park on Wreath Avenue and Heritage Court where there are several ramps, ledges, rails and boxes to use.

Skaters who do not use the skate park have become creative with finding places to

skate on campus. Bosco Student Plaza is often used for flat-land tricks and sometimes people use the rails or ledges to grind. K-State Parking Services said quite a few students skate in the new garage at night, mostly just to ride down the ramps.

Besides the skate park, however, all of these places are prohibited for skaters and using them can come with a price. According to the traffic and parking regulations and Parking Services, skateboarding is illegal on campus except for in designated bike lanes. The fine for skating on any paved surfaces, rails, steps, benches, etc. is \$18 per infraction. These laws are common in public places and, because skaters are so restricted, some said they feel as if they have no choice but to ignore the law.

"Everyone thinks skaters are disrespectful and hate the law or that we're mean when we're really not," Lundy said.

These misconceptions are widespread and can sometimes give skaters a bad name.

"People think all skaters are out to cause trouble, but really we're just trying to have a good time," Collingwood said.

Animated movie "9" falls short of early anticipations

"9"
★★★☆☆
"9" reviewed by Patrick Bales

"9" is one of those movies that was definitely capable of being great. It has an ambitious story line with interesting ideas and each of the characters has a unique and a potentially intriguing personality.

This is an animated movie that could have been brilliant. However, due to its brief running time (a brisk 80 minutes), it becomes one of those films that just never fleshes everything out. The ideas are there, but they are not developed, and the characters are thrust into action before we get a chance to know any of them.

"9" takes place in a post-apocalyptic society where the machines have taken over and most humans have been wiped out. All that is left for humanity is a series of dolls made by a scientist who used pieces of his soul to give life to each of his creations. The main character is #9. After being created, #9 finds himself thrust into an adventure against soul-sucking



COURTESY PHOTO

monstrous robots. The action in this film is quite exhilarating at times. The director, Shane Acker, is a master at staging grand adventure scenes where the dolls find themselves on the run from hellish-looking robots. The camera swoops through winding tunnels and old abandoned warehouses as the dolls attempt to escape time and time again.

There is also a level of brutality in this film I really liked. Usually, when I go see animat-

ed films, all of the good guys turn out to be alive and well in the end, but in this movie characters are discarded quite suddenly. When the dolls are near death, they do not reach out for help or say anything dramatically inspiring before they go, they just get their souls sucked out.

Yes, the enemy robots have the ability to suck out the dolls' souls. Now, is this explained? Here lies the problem with "9," it is a movie with potentially great ideas, but none of them are fully explained.

We learn that the dolls are made with pieces of the scientist's soul, but why do these machines have the ability to suck out their souls and why do the machines want them? Is it to give them more power? More and more unanswered questions arise as the movie progresses.

I am all for movies that do not pander to audiences. I do not want to be spoon-fed answers. But there is a difference between a movie that has interpretive answers and one that just does not bother to provide any answers at all. If the movie were to just extend its running time a bit, like a good 30

minutes more, there would have been ample time to expand on all of the maker's ideas.

The character development also suffers from this limited running time. Luckily, the great acting from the entire cast makes up for it. Christopher Plummer gives a soulful performance as the wise but selfish #1, and John Reilly gives a toned-down but effective performance as #5, the one-eyed doll who helps #9 get adjusted to the brave new world.

The action is great and the actors all bring their A-game. The underlying ideas are brimming with imagination and the animation brings this dark story to life. But in its translation from short film (this was an Academy Award-winning short film) to feature-length movie, the makers did not expand on it as much as they should have. As a result, "9" manages to be just a decent ride instead of the masterpiece it could have been.

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Comedian to perform at Union tonight

By Justin Moss
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Union Program Council is sponsoring a comedy show, featuring comedian Dan Cummins tonight after the dollar movie in Forum Hall.

Cummins blends topical humor with tales of growing up in rural Idaho and his original observations of the bizarre, according to *comedycentral.com*.

"I have seen his show many times and he is awesome," said Ben Hopper, programs advisor for the Union Program Council.

Cummins, 28, is a graduate of Gonzaga University and lives with his wife and son in Spokane, Wash.

Cummins first appeared on stage in August of 2000 and has competed in many comedy competitions all over the nation.

He has most recently been seen on Comedy Central and "Last Comic Standing." He has also been seen on "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" as his network debut.

Before the comedy show, the film committee will be showing "Star Trek." Students are welcome to come in their favorite "Star Trek" costumes and be judged in a costume contest afterward. Cummins will be a judge in this contest.

"The After Hours committee works very hard to bring a diverse mix of events to the K-State campus every Friday night," said Maggie Winter, After Hours graduate adviser. "I am very excited to see Dan Cummins, I've heard he is hilarious."

The screening of the movie "Star Trek" will start at 8 p.m. with a costume competition and trivia games directly afterward.

Cummins' comedy show will start at 10:30 p.m. in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union.



Cummins

State fair to feature 'Guitar Hero,' texting games

By Shelton Burch
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Kansas State Fair, the largest single event in Kansas, is scheduled to begin today.

The week-and-a-half long event is set to feature live music from bands such as Hinder and Saving Abel. The fair will also host text messaging competitions and other traditional fair activities.

The fair continues through Sept. 20 in Hutchinson, Kan. Events are scheduled, including seven live concerts in the fairground grandstands.

Denny Stoecklein, fair general manager, said there also will be live performances throughout the event by local performers, doing everything from singing songs to performing mu-

sicals appropriate for a family-style atmosphere. The theme behind the fair's design this year has been to focus on families.

"We've been very sensitive of the economy," Stoecklein said. "The fair is both family-friendly as well as affordable."

He said college students will probably be very familiar with some of the bands performing.

"We have the band Hinder on the 18th and opening for them is Saving Abel," Stoecklein said.

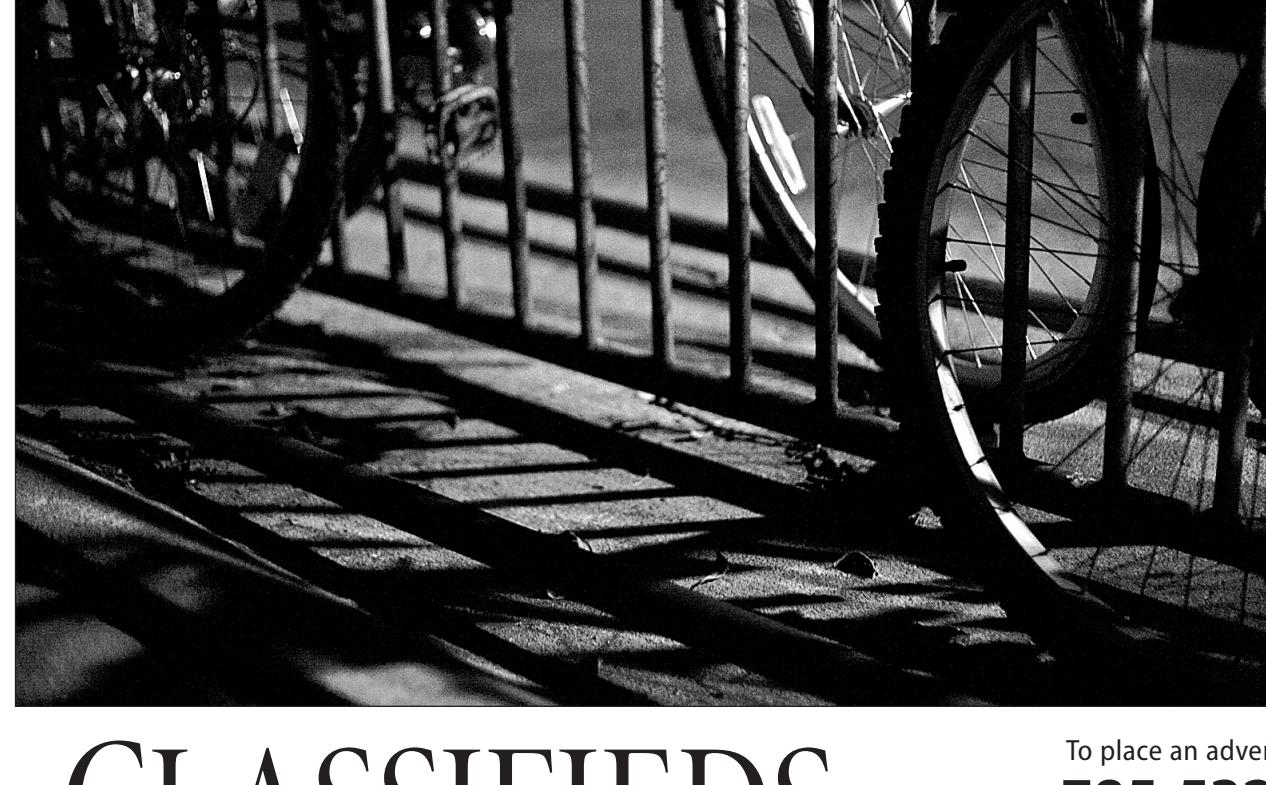
One scheduled fair event is a text messaging contest in which contestants use phones provided by U.S. Cellular to text a message shown on a big screen television, Stoecklein said. The contest takes place in a standard tournament bracket format in which two peo-

ple compete against one another and the winner advances to the next round of the tournament. The winner of the tournament will be awarded \$1,000.

A new addition to the fair this year is a "Guitar Hero" competition, which consists of eight preliminary rounds held from today to Sept. 18. Each day, two competitors will advance to the final round, which is scheduled on Sept. 20. Stoecklein said the event is sponsored by the video game company IGX, which will have a place at the fair set up with 17 televisions where fair-goers can try out a variety of games.

More information can be found at the Kansas State Fair Web site, kansasstatefair.com. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone by calling 1-800-362-3247 or through the Web site.

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Comedians performs Thursday night at The Wareham



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Doug Benson laughs at one of his own jokes about McDonald's McGriddles Thursday night. **Benson** previously appeared from the television show, "Last Comic Standing".

By Frank Male
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

"This pickup line has brought me a 100 percent rejection rate, offended every girl I've told it to, and will probably offend you," said comedian Doug Benson, as he lit up on stage.

"Tell us!" yelled the crowd.

And while the line was not fit to print, this joke and many others left the 300 people situated in Wareham Opera House on Thursday night with more than their fair share of laughs.

The event lead off with Paul Nyakatura, junior in business, who warmed up the crowd and then joined his girlfriend in the audience. After him, Graham Elwood came on stage, opening with a joke about Lawrence.

Elwood warned the crowd of his second degree yellow belt, pointing out that his six martial arts lessons prepare him to block any rabbit punches and palm strike any dangers that may present themselves.

"I thought it was hilarious," said RoiAnn Wellman, Salina resident.

"My favorite part was the palm strike, definitely the palm strike."

After a lighthearted conversation with the crowd about cannibalism and vibrators, Elwood pitched his very own karate headband to the audience and made way for the main act, Doug Benson.

Benson then wandered onto the stage, holding a small piece of paper full of jokes. He endorsed McDonald's McGriddles, calling them "a great scientific achievement". He also talked about the many ways marijuana has been maligned and discussed an alternate story-line for Dark Knight.

After delivering several pickup lines and advice on dating, Benson retired to the Wareham's lobby, where he and Elwood bantered with fans and sold merchandise.

"I loved it, and I think [the performers] had a great time," said Shannon Collins, part owner of KatHouse Lounge, the show's sponsor.

The organizers are hoping to bring in several more comedians as well as music concerts later this year.

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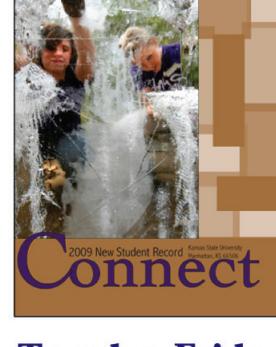
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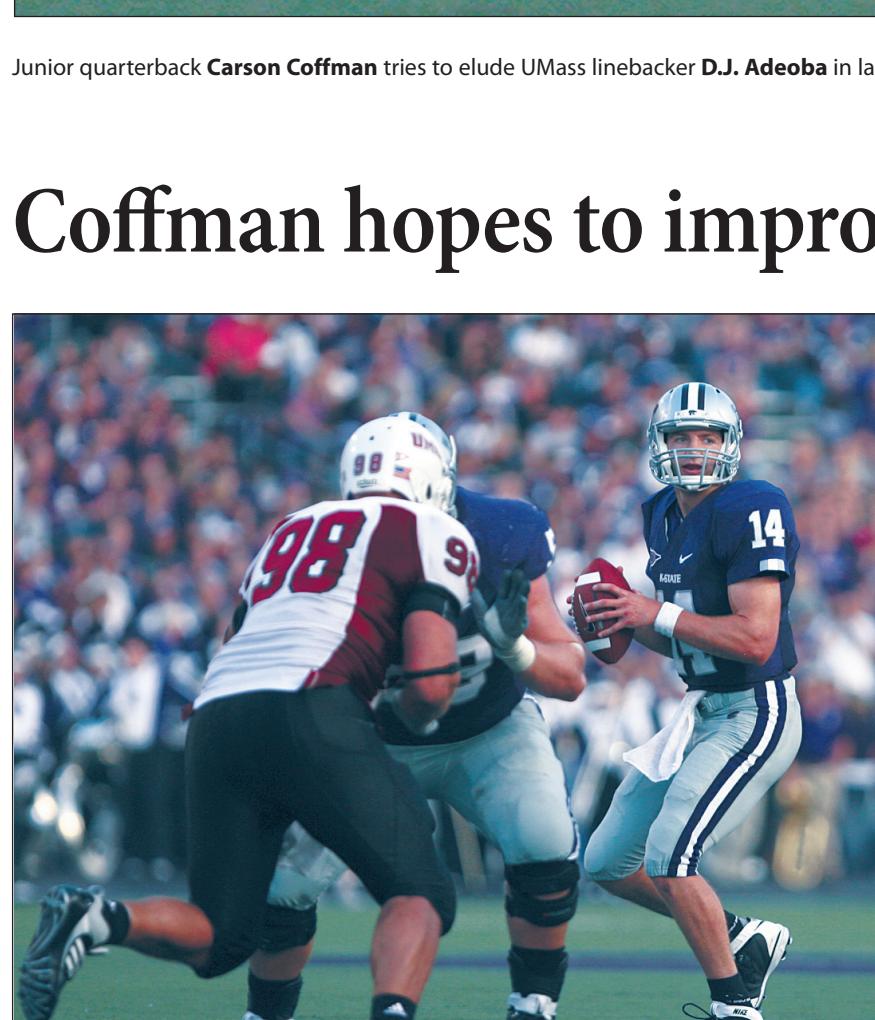
A Steep Learning Curve



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Junior quarterback **Carson Coffman** tries to elude UMass linebacker **D.J. Adeoba** in last week's 21-17 victory over the Minutemen. Coffman finished the game with two touchdowns and 151 yards.

Coffman hopes to improve performance for road game



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Coffman looks downfield towards his receivers during Saturday's game against UMass.

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

While the Wildcats did defeat the University of Massachusetts 21-17 on Saturday evening, they did not rout the opponent as expected.

As starting quarterback Carson Coffman put it, "The whole first game was pretty frustrating. We got the win, so not a lot of consequences, but a good tape to learn from."

Coffman, the winner of the competitive battle for the starting quarterback spot, completed 14 passes on 27 attempts with two touchdowns, a fumble and an interception.

He said he looks to improve upon that performance by studying game film to discover what checks and audibles he should have made and how he could have put the team in some better positions.

"I wasn't very excited about my performance," Coffman said. "I thought and I know I can play a lot better than that, and I'm ready to get back out there and prove myself."

Now, however, the focus is on the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Coffman said he feels that the Wildcats will be prepared to take on the Ragin' Cajuns, especially after practices have heated up — literally — in an

anticipation of the southern climate. "I feel pretty good about what they're going to do in the game," Coffman said. "I remember their defense flies around, they do a lot of stunts on the defensive line, but I'm sure with film study we'll be able to pick up what they'll be able to do and be prepared for them."

After cramping up in mild weather during the game against UMass, Coffman said he is taking pains to stay hydrated throughout the week so he will be in good condition to deal with the heat of Louisiana. He said he anticipates the first road game with excitement.

"I actually prefer away games to home games because I think it's just you and your teammates," he said. "You're a little closer together, like you guys going out for a mission, trying to get something done, with no distractions as far as fans or family members there at the game."

The quarterback explained that a big factor of the success of the passing game is the success of the running game, an assertion that spells hope for a team with the dual-threat of running backs Daniel Thomas and Keithen Valentine, who combined for nearly 200 yards rushing against UMass.

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Scouting Report

LADARIUS GREEN TIGHT END #89

Green, a sophomore, made strides in a reserve role last season. He saw action in all 12 games, hauling in 22 catches for 268 yards and five scores. He caught one pass for 25 yards last week against Southern and will look for bigger numbers against K-State.



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ANTWYNE ZANDERS LINEBACKER #41

Zanders, a senior, is one of the most experienced players on the Cajuns' roster. He has seen action in 37 games, tallying 214 career stops – 17.5 behind the line of scrimmage – as well as three sacks, two recovered fumbles and an interception in his collegiate career.



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TIGHT END: Although he played a reserve role as a freshman last season, sophomore Ladarius Green ranked third on the team in receptions last season, hauling in 22 receptions for 268 yards and five scores. Expect Green to get more looks this year in a starting role.

OFFENSIVE LINE: The Ragin' Cajuns possess one of the most experienced offensive lines in the country, as their front five have started over 30 games together dating back to the 2007 season. Look for this unit, led by seniors Chris Fisher and Brad Bustle, to provide a big challenge for K-State's defensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Three of Louisiana's starting defensive linemen ranked among the team's top tacklers in 2008. Defensive ends Hall Davis, senior, and Terrell Richardson, junior, combined for 44 tackles a year ago, including 6.5 behind the line of scrimmage. Davis also recorded 3.5 sacks and forced a fumble.

LINEBACKER: The Cajuns return plenty of experience to their linebacking corps, as all three starters return. Each ranked among the school's top 10 tacklers last season, including the school's leading tackler, junior Dayton McCoy. McCoy totaled 69 stops in 2008 – six for negative yardage – while sacking opposing quarterbacks four times and picking off two passes.

CORNERBACK: Louisiana returns their top two cornerbacks from last season in sophomore Dwight Bentley and junior Orkeys Auriene. Last year, the duo ranked sixth and seventh in tackles, respectively. Auriene also picked off a pass, forced a fumble and blocked a field goal in 2008.

QUARTERBACK: The Ragin' Cajuns continue to search for a solid replacement for the graduated Michael Desormeaux, who threw for nearly 2,000 yards a year ago. Last week against Southern, sophomore Chris Masson completed 18 of 24 attempts for 283 yards and a pair of scores, but Masson will face a tougher defense this week against K-State.

RUNNING BACK: Replacing a 1,000-yard rusher is never an easy task. Replacing two of them is even harder. But that's what Louisiana must do after losing former seniors Tyrell Fenroy and Michael Desormeaux, who combined for 2,545 yards on the ground last year. Last week, senior Undrea Sails looked solid as he ran for 114 yards and a score against Southern, but K-State's defensive front should provide Sails with a bigger challenge this week.

WIDE RECEIVER: The Cajuns, who operate a run-heavy offense, lost their top two receivers in former seniors Jason Chery and Terrell Fenroy. Senior Louis Lee is the team's most experienced wideout, tallying 20 catches for 247 yards and a score in 2008. Expect Lee, as well as tight end Ladarius Green, to get most of the attention from K-State's secondary.

SAFETY: Neither of Louisiana's safeties, sophomore strong safety Chris Richard and junior free safety Maurice Rolle, Jr., saw action in more than seven games last year as each battled injuries. The pair combined for just 15 tackles and no turnovers in 2008. K-State's deep receiving corps should provide the Cajun safeties with a big challenge this week.

-Compiled by Justin Nutter

CHRIS FISHER CENTER #79

Fisher, a senior and former freshman All-American, has started 33 games at the center position for the Cajuns. After earning first team All-Sun Belt honors last season, he was named a 2009 preseason candidate for the Lombardi and Rimington awards.



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ORKEYS AURIENE CORNERBACK #2

Auriene, a junior, has played in all 25 games in his career at Louisiana-Lafayette. During that span, he has tallied 68 tackles – four for negative yardage – as well as two interceptions and a forced fumble. He also handled punt return duties for the Cajuns last season.



LOUISIANA

COFFMAN | Snyder has confidence in his choice at starting quarterback

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"The running game is huge for the passing game," he said. "It just softens up the defense a little, especially down the field, and I think that if we can have a successful running game, we can have a successful team."

Coffman also appreciates when teams focus on wide receiver Brandon Banks, who torched teams for more than 1,000 receiving yards last season. When that happens, they tend to forget about other downfield options, such as wide receiver Attrail Snipes, leaving Coffman with open targets.

In the wake of the leg cramp that sidelined him temporarily during the fourth quarter against UMass, it looked like back-up quarterback Grant Gregory would be the one with the opportunity to prove something.

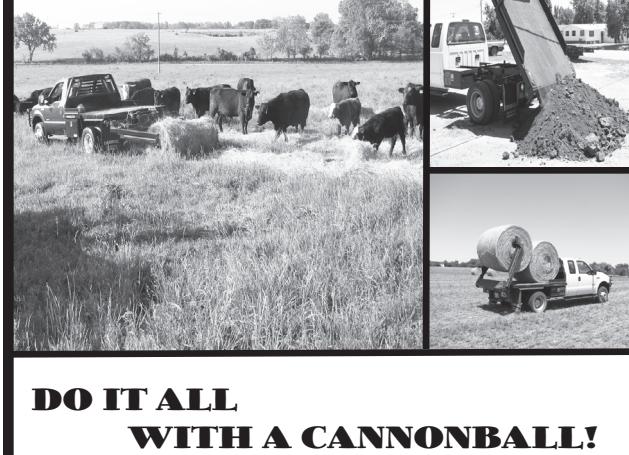
thing. He converted an essential third down for the Wildcats by running the ball himself. However, he only remained on the field for one possession.

"[Carson] had managed the ballgame up to that point in time, a very critical period of time, very critical drive, and just having the experience, back on the field, the experience of the game [motivated us to put him back in]," explained head coach Bill Snyder. "Had that same thing taken place in the second quarter of the ballgame, we probably would have gone longer with Grant."

Coffman was glad to know that his starting job is relatively secure.

"It was a show of confidence," Coffman said. "I told him that I was ready, and he put me back in there, and I was excited that he did."

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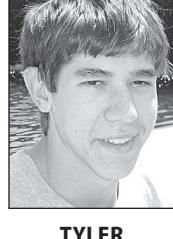
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Improvement needed against Ragin' Cajuns



TYLER SCOTT

After last weekend's game against Massachusetts, the football team might be looking for answers from a few positions. K-State pulled out a close one against the Minutemen, 21-17, without scoring in the second half.

The Wildcats started out well, leading 21-3 at the break, but the second half turned out to be a little different. After UMass cut the lead to 11, they then blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown. Luckily, the bleeding stopped there.

Snyder knows the team slacked, but I was surprised by how the offense played. Forget what I said about the team trying to find a true running back. Daniel Thomas and Kei-then Valentine combined for almost 200 yards on the ground while Coffman and Gregory also added to the rushing attack.

This week, the team faces Louisiana-Lafayette. It is one of the few powerhouses in the Sun Belt Conference, coming off a blowout victory against Southern University 42-19.

K-State's defense will have to continue their dominance from last week when they face Lafayette's sophomore quarterback Chris Masson, who threw for almost 300 yards and two touchdowns against Southern last week. Their running back, Undrea Sails, ran for 114 yards and a touchdown.

I think K-State's defense will do well. Defensive back Tysyn Hartman, who had two interceptions last week, will look to force Masson's first of the season this Saturday.

My question is: How will Carson Coffman rebound from last week's mediocre performance, and

how much will he play if Snyder wants to let Gregory in on the action?

With how much time Coffman has had to prepare to be a starter during Freeman's presence, I'm sure he can come back from last week and perform better.

Look for Grant Gregory to mix in with Coffman, whether it be every other play or split time between halves.

The offense also may have found another target to add to their repertoire. I thought Brandon Banks was going to lead in receiving and playmaking ability last week, but Attral Snipes caught two passes, both for touchdowns. His two touchdowns made a key difference in how the game turned out.

Lafayette's defense picked off three passes in last week's victory, so the K-State quarterbacks will have to have their eyes peeled for the Ragin' Cajuns' secondary.

Unfortunately for the K-State student nation, they will have to watch from the tube for a couple of weeks as the Wildcats travel to Louisiana this week and to UCLA the next. It is extremely uncommon for the Wildcats to go on the road two straight weeks during the non-conference season, but playing well on the road is always a plus to playing well at home.

With the Wildcats coming off a victory, I don't expect anything different. Overall, the team handled the Minutemen well last week. The first game of the season is always something to get used to, and I think the team has found areas where they can play well.

Lafayette is one of the stronger teams in their conference, but with how well K-State's defense played last week, it will be hard for them to get a lot of points on the board.

Prediction: 35-14 K-State

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Hartman focused on getting better

The Collegian sat down with starting safety Tysyn Hartman to talk about his life on and off the field.

Q: Do you have a pregame ritual?

A: "Not really, just listen to music and try to keep focused for the game."

Q: What type of music do you like to listen to, and what are your favorite artists?

A: Rap music, like Drake and Lil' Wayne."

Q: What are some season goals you have for you and your team?

A: Just constant, continuous improvement week after week. Nothing real set in numbers, just trying to get everybody to improve each day, so we can get better every week."

Q: When did you first start playing football?

A: Second grade when I did pee wee football."

Q: What/Who inspired you to play the game?

A: Probably my family. My dad was big into football and my uncle. People I grew up around; just seeing them play really drove a passion."

Q: You created a lot of energy in last week's game, so how do you plan to make a difference in this week's game against Louisiana-Lafayette?

A: Just stay focused and eliminate mental errors. Just go out and try to make plays whenever I can, but really just stay focused."

-Compiled by Delayna Irvin

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OFFENSE



The K-State offense looked a bit unsure at times last week against UMass. Quarterback Carson Coffman had a great second quarter, throwing for two touchdowns and looking poised in the pocket. However, the rest of his game was average at best. The running game was much improved from last season's average, with Daniel Thomas and Kei-then Valentine rushing for 107 yards and 89 yards respectively. In order for the offense to be successful against Louisiana-Lafayette, the Wildcats need to limit turnovers. If they can hold onto the ball and continue their success with the running game, they should be fine. Especially if you throw in a big play by Brandon Banks, something missing in last week's narrow victory.

Fenroy's replacement, Undrea Sails, logged 33 yards in five attempts in last season's game. Quarterback Chris Masson, who debuted last Saturday as Desormeaux's successor, threw for 283 yards and three touchdowns against Southern. Whether or not these new offensive starters can duplicate their performance from last week against BCS-school in K-State, remains to be seen.



DEFENSE



The Ragin' Cajuns offense is in a state of flux after the departures of quarterback Michael Desormeaux and running back Tyrell Fenroy. If you remember from last year's game at Snyder Family Stadium, these two combined for 281 yards on the ground and four touchdowns in a game that surprisingly went down to the final minutes.

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The Wildcat defense looked much improved in their debut under new coordinators Vic Koenning and Chris Cosh. They let UMass running back Tony Nelson run for more than 100 yards, but they did manage to limit the Minutemen's air attack. If they want to continue their success, they'll need to shut down running back Undrea Sails.

The secondary will also need to have a nice game and make things tough for Chris Masson, who will make his second start under center on Saturday and has yet to throw an interception. Cornerback Josh Moore and safety Tysyn Hartman should be able to change that.

Louisiana-Lafayette's defense should be similar to the group that allowed 45 points to Josh Freeman and the Wildcats last season. Their secondary is full of untested players, many making the second start of their careers. The Ragin' Cajun defensive line lost starter Lanier Coleman, but returns several upperclassmen in what could be a test for the Wildcat running game. Overall, expect to see this defense give up more points to K-State than it did to Southern a week ago, if for no other reason, because the Wildcat offense is better than Southern's. The defense gave up 19 points last week.

PREDICTION

K-State 31, Louisiana-Lafayette 20

give up points.

In the end, I give the edge to K-State, because even though they are on the road in a tough environment, they have the more talented players and superior coaching staff. The Cats should get it done on defense and the offense should come up with more points than last week.

-Compiled by Grant Guggisberg

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Wildcats to face first road test at Louisiana-Lafayette

By Grant Guggisberg
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After playing in front of more than 50,000 fans last Saturday, the Wildcats must now travel to Lafayette, La. to take on the Ragin' Cajuns of the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Saturday's game is a Prince-era holdover, a game that Coach Bill Snyder did not personally schedule himself. The two teams met last season in a game at Snyder Family Stadium that went down to the wire. K-State escaped with a 45-37 victory in a game that many K-State fans expected to win easily. The Wildcats lead the all-time series 3-0.

"We know Lafayette is a very good football team," Snyder said in Tuesday's press conference. "It was an eight-point game here last year, and I know that they thought that they should have won the ball-game."

Playing a true road game so early in the sea-

son is not Snyder's preference, as indicated by his scheduling of mostly home games during the non-conference season in the past.

"This coming ballgame will be a very difficult trip," Snyder said. "They are a well-coached football team and they play extremely hard. They have very good quickness, as you would expect from a school in the south. I also think they will be a very confident football team."

Coach Snyder said he was "tremendously disappointed" in the press conference immediately following last Saturday's narrow victory over the UM-ass Minutemen.

With two special teams blunders that led to UMass touchdowns, it is not surprising to see his frustration. In a Monday teleconference, Snyder reiterated his disappointment.

"You drop a punt, that's something that - knock on wood - is normally not going to happen," Snyder said. "The punt block, we just have

one guy who makes a mental error, and consequently it gets blocked. If you take those two away, it dramatically changes the production of the kicking game, and dramatically changes the outcome of the game."

While the special teams play was poor at times, many of the offensive players felt like they could do better as well.

K-State at Louisiana-Lafayette

When: 6:02 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: Cajun Field, Lafayette, La.
All-time series: K-State leads 3-0

"It was quite an embarrassing performance from the team and myself," said junior quarterback Carson Coffman immediately following Saturday's game.

Senior running back Keither Valentine echoed Coffman's disappointment.

"I was just disappointed, no offense to UMass," Valentine said at the post-game press conference. "They are a very good team. I just feel like

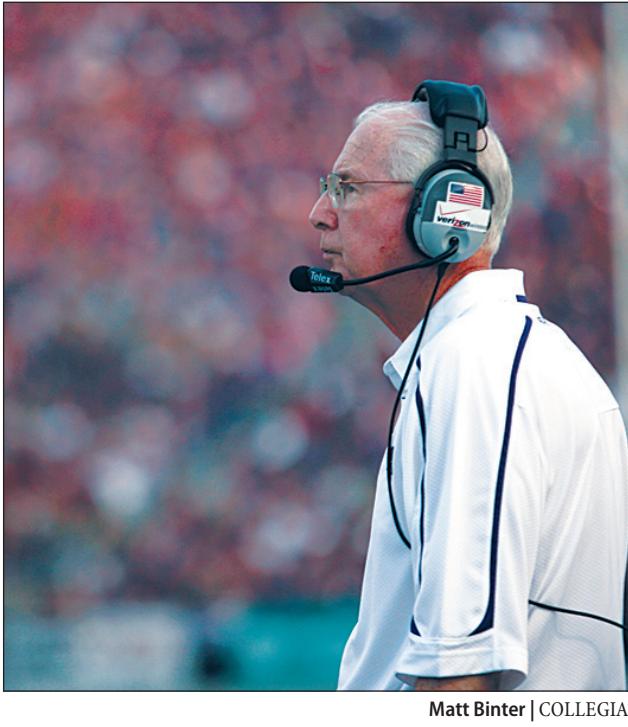
we could have scored more points than we did."

The Wildcats will have to adjust to both the opposing crowd and the far different weather conditions that come with playing away from home.

"We practiced indoors last night and turned the heat up to about 90 degrees," Snyder said. "The temperature and the humidity down in Louisiana will be always be higher, but that's part of the game. We can't cancel the trip, we just have to go down there and play."

The current weather forecast in Lafayette, La., is mild for the area, with a high of 80 degrees and a 40 percent chance of rain. Snyder said he expects the team to be ready to handle the different conditions by Saturday.

"I think that it is important for our players to stay hydrated," he said. "They have to constantly drink fluids. I think that there is a certain mental aspect of it, but you just have to go play."



Bill Snyder looks on as his Wildcats play against UMass last Saturday, narrowly winning 21-17.

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